

**English for Speakers
of Other Languages
(ESOL)**

*Program for non-
native-English-
speakers who lack
competence and
language acquisition in
any of the following:
reading, writing,
speaking, problem
solving or listening.*

CASAS
*Comprehensive Adult
Student Assessment
System.*

BEST
*Basic English Skills
Tests (both BEST
Literacy and BEST
Plus must be
administered).*

SPL
*Student Performance
Level (BEST tests).*

SECTION 4

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English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a program of instruction to assist non-native-English-speakers to become literate in the English language. ESOL is a program with curricula or content areas in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

An English literacy program is a program of instruction designed to help individuals of limited English proficiency achieve competence in the English language. "An individual of limited English proficiency" means an adult or out-of-school youth who has limited ability in speaking, reading, or understanding the English language, and:

- A. Whose native language is a language other than English; or
- B. Who lives in a family or community environment where a language other than English is the dominant language. (See Sec. 203 AEFLA.)

Entering Functioning Level (EFL) refers to the student's lowest scale score in the following content areas: reading, writing, listening or speaking. (See Appendix A – Utah Assessment Policy.)

The Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) or the BEST Literacy and BEST Plus are used to determine student's EFL; these are academic standardized tests, approved by the USOE. (See Appendix A – Utah Assessment Policy.)